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# .info WrapUp

## OVER 15 MILLION SERVED!

Electronic Arts has announced that it has now sold 15 million games since the company was founded in 1982. That's a lot of floppy disks. EA has nine games which qualify as Platinum with over 250,000 sold each. How many of these do you own?

Chuck Yeager AFT	435,000
The Bard's Tale	407,000
Dr. J and Larry Bird	
Go One-On-One	390,000
Music Construction Set	325,000
Populous	292,000
Skyfox	286,000
Marble Madness	269,000
Starflight	263,000
Pinball Construction Set	253,000

## LAWSUIT UPDATE YOURS, MINE, AND OURS

Microsoft and Bruce Artwick, designer of *Flight Simulator*, have agreed to settle copyright infringement claims against subLOGIC and its *Airline Transport Pilot* flight simulator. The settlement clears the way for the release of *ATP* which had been blocked by a federal court case last June. The settlement acknowledges Microsoft's ownership of *Flight Simulator* copyrights, Artwick's ownership of other copyrights, and subLOGIC's ownership of the scenery disk copyrights. Artwick will own the *Flight Simulator* trademark as a result of the settlement, but will license *Flight Simulator* for the Apple II, Atari, and Commodore to subLOGIC. SubLOGIC will release a version of *ATP* that simulates five different jet liners on routes between 26 American cities.

## SOFTWARE GANGSTERS?

An accounting firm from Plymouth Meeting, PA, has filed a class action suit against Ashton-Tate Corp. The plaintiff contends that Ashton-Tate has, among other things, violated 18 U.S.C. #1962, which is the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization

Act, by fraudulently procuring copyright protection for its *dBASE* software line of products. The plaintiff bases this attack on Ashton-Tate on the December 13th ruling by a U.S. District judge that stripped Ashton-Tate of its copyright protection for *dBASE*. In that ruling the judge determined that Ashton-Tate had failed in its copyright filing to acknowledge that *dBASE* was actually a derivative of *JPLDIS*, a public domain mainframe database system. The current suit maintains that Ashton-Tate, because of its copyright, was able to

force users to license rather than buy the *dBASE* software. This licensing agreement, according to the litigation, caused users to spend more money through its restrictive prohibitions about copying networks and multi-unit systems. The plaintiff is asking the court to award an order certifying that the action may be maintained as a class action, compensatory damages, and punitive damages. An Ashton-Tate spokesperson said that the lawsuit is "completely without merit."



## .infoMANIA GAME TIPS

Here are some secret "side doors," "back doors," and strategies to your favorite Amiga games, for .info subscribers only!

**Buck Rogers:** After completing the first scenario and training the characters at Salvation, save the game, and then Remove everyone in the party. Now reboot and Add all characters to the game. Begin the adventure and you will start back in the briefing room. Now you can play through the first scenario again but with a stronger party. Reach Salvation again, train, and Remove the characters another time. Repeat this whole process again and again until the party has attained fifth level or so. This will give you a headstart into the adventure.

- Derek Godat, Terre Haute, IN

**Drakken:** If you follow to where the sun sets you'll eventually come to a sea side. Walk out on to the water and aim at the mountains. When your characters start to sink into the water just press the return key. Keep the joystick pointing forward toward the mountains. Even though it looks like you're not going anywhere you actually are moving. After a while you'll come to a black island. There is usually a ghost on this island who carries

magic items. Be careful while you're on this island because you can fall off with little warning.

- Michael McInerney,  
New Preston, CT

**Strike Aces:** On the pilot selection screen type in *XXXX* is magic to activate the cheat mode. *XXXX* stands for the same four digit code you typed in for the copy protection. You can also try these: *KYLIE*, *SO WHAT IF I DO*, *VERSION*, and entering just a blank line.

- Corey Bell, Grapevine, TX

**The Immortal:** Here are passwords for a full strength wizard for all seven levels.

Level 2	cddff10006f70
Level 3	f47ef21000e10
Level 4	b5fff31001eb0
Level 5	94fbfb43000eb0
Level 6	563ff53010a41
Level 7	c250f63010ac1
Level 8	a890b730178c1

- Ernst Bartis, Portland, ME

Check out the next issue of .info for hints on how to survive the final showdown on Level 8 in *The Immortal*.

Share your "secret tricks" with .info readers or write and let us know which games you'd like to see hints for! Send to:  
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A. Which of the following do you own:

- 1) Amiga 500  4) Amiga 2500   
2) Amiga 1000  5) Amiga 3000   
3) Amiga 2000  6) None

B. If you plan to buy an Amiga, which one will you most likely purchase?

- 7) Amiga 500  10) Amiga 3000   
8) Amiga 2000  11) Amiga 3000 UX   
9) Amiga 2500  12) CDTV

C. How many hours per week do you and other members of your household spend using your computer system.

13) \_\_\_\_ hrs

F. What primary application do you use your computer for? (Check only one)

- 22) Video  26) Spreadsheet/Financial  30) Educational   
23) Graphics/Animation  27) Wordprocessing  31) Software Development   
24) Desktop Publishing  28) CAD  32) Entertainment   
25) Music  29) Telecommunications  33) Database Management

G. What 2 secondary applications do you use your computer for? (Check two)

- 34) Video  38) Spread Sheets/Financial  42) Educational   
35) Graphics/Animation  39) Wordprocessing  43) Software Development   
36) Desktop Publishing  40) CAD  44) Entertainment   
37) Music  41) Telecommunications  45) Database Management

H. Which of the following peripherals do you presently own, and which do you plan to purchase in the next 12 months?  
(If you plan to purchase a peripheral, please indicate how much you plan to spend.)

	Own	Purchase	Plan to Spend		Own	Purchase	Plan to Spend
46) Monitor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____		53) Joystick/ Mouse/Etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____	
47) Floppy Drive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____		54) Graphics Tablet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____	
48) Hard Drive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____		55) Memory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____	
49) Removable Storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____		56) Accelerator Card	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____	
50) CD ROM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____		57) Music Hardware	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____	
51) Printer				58) VCR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____	
a.Dot Matrix	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____		59) Camcorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____	
b.Color	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____		60) Video Hardware	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____	
c.Laser/PostScript	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____					
52) Modem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> .....\$_____					

I. What is the total cost of all the computer hardware you presently own?

- 61) Less than \$1000  65) \$2501 - \$3000  68) \$4001 - \$4500   
62) \$1001 - \$1500  66) \$3001 - \$3500  69) \$4501 - \$5000   
63) \$1501 - \$2000  67) \$3501 - \$4000  70) over \$5000   
64) \$2001 - \$2500

**J.** From which of the following categories do you plan to purchase software in the next 12 months?

- 71) Home Productivity   
72) Entertainment   
73) Utilities   
74) Educational   
75) Video   
76) Music   
77) Graphics/Animation   
78) Desktop Publishing

**K.** Which of the following sources do you most often purchase software and hardware from?

- 79) Mail Order   
80) Retailer   
81) Manufacturer

**L.** How many people, other than yourself, read or look through your copy of .info?

82) \_\_\_\_\_ people

**Q.** Please check the highest level of schooling you have completed..

- 97) Grade School  100) Graduated College   
98) High School  101) Some Graduate School   
99) Attended College  102) Post Graduate Degree

**R.** What was your total family income, before taxes, last year?

- 103 ) Less than \$15,000  107) \$45,001 - \$55,000   
104) \$15,000 - \$25,000  108) \$55,001 - \$75,000   
105) \$25,001 - \$35,000  109) More than \$75,000   
106) \$35,001 - \$45,000

**M.** Do you use Reader service cards?

83) Yes  84) No

**N.** How often do you purchase a product after receiving information from a Reader Service Card?

- 85) Always  88) Rarely   
86) Frequently  89) Never   
87) Occasionally

**O.** Do you read .info...

- 90) Cover to cover   
91) Only selected articles   
92) Just skim through

**P.** How long do you keep and refer to each issue of .info?

- 93 Just until the next issue comes out   
94) 1-3 months   
95) 4-6 months   
96) Longer than 6 months

**S.** What is your age?

- 110) Under 18   
111) 18 - 24   
112) 25 - 34   
113) 35 - 49   
114) 50 - 64   
115) Over 65

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